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Laymen's Retreats

Two laymen's retreats are to be held in September. One will be at Cazadero on Saturday afternoon and Sunday, September 20 and 21. The headline speaker for this gathering will be Mr. Walter A. Graham of Pembroke, Ky., chairman of the Laymen's Fellowship of our denomination. Mr. Graham will be remembered by the men who attended the school of churchmanship at Pacific School of Religion last February. The rates at Cazadero will be $5 00 for the three meals, beginning Saturday evening, and lodging. Those who attend must bring their own blankets, pillows, and towels.

The other retreat will be held Saturday and Sunday, September 27-28, at the Drobish Ranch near Marysville. The headline speaker there will be Mr. Lloyd L. Lorbeer of India. The rates at the Drobish Ranch will vary in accordance with the accommodations, but with a top figure of $5.00.

Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, new director of church extension, will be in attendance at both gatherings and a part of the discussion will be centered about the great opportunities that are ours in Northern California.

The sessions at both places will begin at 3:00 o'clock on Saturday afternoon and will break up following dinner at 1:00 o'clock on Sunday. As in former years, there will be a minimum of speech making, most of the time being devoted to discussion of questions propounded by laymen. Mr. Harold T. Avery is the chairman of the Commission and of the committee preparing for the retreats.

A CHURCH IS BORN

It is a thrilling thing when a church is born. On Sunday, June 22, a Congregational church was born in Eagleville, Modoc County. Almost from the time Rev. Terence Stoker went to Cedarville as pastor he has conducted services at Eagleville, where there had been no organized church for many years but where there was a church building and had been a Sunday School. With the very effective help of a lay woman, Mrs. Robert Minto, a movement was launched for the organization of a church. After many weeks of discussion and planning, a proposed covenant was circulated for signatures, which indicated a surprisingly widespread interest.

Superintendent Harley H. Gill was invited to be present at the formal reception of members and to preach the sermon and give the charge to the people. Twenty-four persons were baptized by the pastor and eight more making a total of thirty-two received the right hand of fellowship by both Mr. Stoker and Superintendent Gill. It is expected that the charter membership will reach fifty. There were a number of young people, several young couples, a goodly sprinkling of people of maturity, and some elderly folk, a cross section of what a church ought to be. A deep spirit of Christian earnestness prevailed. Committees were appointed to work up a constitution and to elect officers. It is expected that admission to the Sacramento Valley Association will be sought at the time of the meeting of the State Conference.



Rev. Ray Gibbons, director of the Council for Social Action of the Congregational Christian Churches, who will hold a series of conferences in Northern California in early October and will be one of the principal speakers at the annual meeting of the Conference in Berkeley, October 17-19. He was educated at Oberlin College, Union Theological Seminary, and Columbia University. Before coming to his present position he was pastor of the First Church of Christ in Northampton, Massachusetts.



Mr. Lloyd L. Lorbeer, Christian lay missionary educator under the American Board of Foreign Missions in Pasumalai, India. Mr. Lorbeer is on furlough and living in Berkeley for a year. He will be on the program of the annual meeting of the State Conference in October and will be available for speaking engagements in churches, high schools, and colleges. Appointments are to be made through the Conference office. Mr. Lorbeer is the head of two large schools, one with grades running from kindergarten to college preparatory classes, and the other a teacher training school. He is regarded by our pastors and people as one of the ablest missionary speakers representing us.

WE WILL DO IT NOW

Mr. N. F. Sanderson, who has done such effective work for the Unit Plan for several years, announces now that we need just a little more than $2,000 to complete the ten year quota for our Conference. Every loyal Congregationalist should be glad to contribute that our aged ministers may have the pension promised them in full.

All of a sudden and without proper warning, Stephen Frederick Meyer surprised his parents by arriving on August 9 to take his place in the William W. Meyer family along with another brother and sister.

ANNUAL MEET COMING UP

The annual meeting of the Conference is to be held Friday afternoon and evening, Saturday, and Sunday, October 17 to 19, at First Congregational Church, Berkeley. Several years ago in response to the urgent request of the laymen, Conferences were held on week-ends. It was decided to do it again in the expectation that with the sessions being held in the Bay area there will be a very large attendance of laymen and of young people.

Two headline speakers are to come to us: Rev. Ray Gibbons, director of the Council for Social Action of New York, under whose leadership the Council is doing the most constructive work of its history. Dr. Gibbons is a man of deep spiritual insight as well as of strong and wise social passion.

Dr. Albert Buckner Coe, pastor of the great church in Oak Park, Illinois, will be the preacher on Sunday morning and speaker at the closing banquet the same evening.

Rev. G. Arthur Casaday of Palo Alto will be the chaplain and Rev. A. R. Boone of Lodi will be the preacher.

Special emphases will be given to the opportunities and obligations of church extension that the work of our new director, Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, may have the undergirding of our people.

Another matter of major concern will be the union with the Evangelical and Reformed Church, since this will be the only opportunity for the Conference, as such, to register its vote. President Ronald Bridges, former moderator of the General Council, and Professor Hugh Vernon White have been asked to present all sides of this question.

Sunday afternoon will be devoted to youth interests, with Prof. Ralph D. Hyslop and Rev. Oliver Powell as the speakers. Mr. Hyslop has recently come to the faculty of the Pacific School of Religion from the post of director of Student Work under the Board of Home Missions. Oliver Powell is the national secretary of Pilgrim Fellowship.

Rev. Stephen C. Peabody is the moderator. Officers will be elected, other business will be transacted, and many reports given.

Ray Gibbons Coming

A series of conferences on Social Action, with particular reference to the race question, will be held in Northern California during the first few days of October. Rev. Ray Gibbons, of New York, director of the Council for Social Action, will head the team of leaders. Professor Buell G. Gallagher, chairman of the state Committee on Social Action, will be in attendance at some of them, and it is hoped that Dr. Paul Taylor of the University of California faculty, will be able to assist. Thus far the following schedule has been set up, it being understood that churches in the vicinity where the meetings are to be held are to be invited. The sessions will be in the afternoon and evening of each day.

Wednesday, October 1, Palo Alto.
Thursday, October 2, San Leandro.
Friday, October 3, Martinez.
Monday, October 6, Oroville.

Dr. Gibbons will also head up a conference on the afternoon and evening of October 16, the day before the opening of the State Conference, for pastors and Social Action committees of local churches, in which methods of effective work will be outlined and discussed.

SHALL WE UNITE?

After several years of discussion, we are now asked to vote on the union with the Evangelical and Reformed Church. The "Basis of Union" has been revised no less than eight times. Each time there has been clarification and some giving and taking on the part of both denominations. Many of the points to which fair-minded people made objection have been ironed out. The document is in printed form and available in quantities for the members of the churches to study.

By vote of the Executive Committee of the General Council, upon the recommendation of a large proportion of the delegates who sat in the last General Council meeting, the document is now referred to Conferences, Associations and Churches. The E and R General Synod, by an overwhelming vote, has referred it to the 34 Synods which now have authority in that Church.

In Northern California, the procedure will be as follows: A letter has gone to every church outlining the plan and urging the churches to order copies of the "Basis of Union" and begin study at once. The Conference, itself, will vote during the October meeting. Some time during the fall and winter each church, after it has studied the question should vote, and finally, next spring, the Associations will vote. It is necessary for each church, when it votes, to keep a tally and to report to the Conference office the number voting in favor and the number voting in opposition. In order for the Congregational Fellowship to approve the union, three-fourths of the Conferences, three-fourths of the Associations, three-fourths of the churches that vote, and three-fourths of the members that vote in all the churches must favor the union.

Several of our people have made it their business to inform themselves and will be available as speakers, on invitation from the local churches.

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READ! THINK!! ACT!!!

Herewith is the report of the benevolence recepits for the year 1947. Comparisons with 1946 show a gain for regular benevolences but only because of the large response in April to the appeal for our extension work in gifts that came from individuals. A careful comparison of the first two columns will show that some churches need to check through with their treasurers and supporting organizations. In some instances, because the last Sunday of August was the very last day of the month, remittances for August did not reach the Conference office in time to be included with these figures. Just four months remain now to tell the story as to whether we will reach the goals which have been asked from us and which are so seriously needed. The third column shows receipts for the C.W.V.R. which have declined quite seriously.

	App't Jan. 11 to Aug. 31 1946	App't Jan. 11 to Aug. 31 1947	C.W.V.R.
Alameda	1,053.33	1,019.06	389.80
Adin	17.44	11.75	.....
Alturas	102.66	113.91	136.50
Angels Camp	155.00	190.00	130.95
Antioch	25.38	81.29	45.74
Auburn	140.85	166.45	71.19
Benicia	.....	105.00	78.00
Berkeley			
Arlington	53.62	55.64	148.48
Chinese	10.00	3.22	.....
First	6,920.91	5,718.49	3,557.79
North	500.10	518.05	346.71
Northbrae	.....	454.73	.....
South	391.16	356.45	45.00
Campbell	83.00	200.00	93.50
Cedarville	67.50	67.50	.....
Cloverdale	41.72	49.08	7.80
Cotati	50.00	77.50	25.00
Crockett	49.98	82.80	5.00
Elk Grove	.....	28.13	28.50
Etna	.....	35.38	.....
Eureka	503.30	505.77	346.63
Fairfax	.....	5.05	.....
Ferndale	250.48	230.90	337.88
Fresno			
First	705.00	715.00	928.60
Japanese	.....	25.00	.....
Pilgrim	60.00	20.13	.....
Zion	.....	42.46	.....
Glen Ellen	125.00	65.00	110.00
Grass Valley	25.00	.....	.....
Guerneville	33.77	27.12	.....
Hayward	10.00	150.00	287.65
Kenwood	8.45	17.31	36.75
Likely	.....	15.00	.....
Lodi			
Ebenezer	.....	41.80	392.00
First	3,422.50	2,525.98	955.00
Loleta	7.62	.....	.....
Loomis	200.00	100.00	.....
Martinez	669.50	379.60	808.61
Murphys	81.00	122.68	.....
Niles	50.00	50.00	21.00
Oakland			
First	4,322.57	4,512.97	1,232.75
Japanese	30.00	30.00	3.58
Plymouth	933 98	892.99	849.77
Fruitvale	41.50	15.00	.....
Pilgrim	83.45	70.74	31.90
Orinda	131.08	455.90	.....
Oroville	614.89	532.57	176.63
Pacific Grove	137.10	119.10	9.90
Palo Alto	840.00	1,630.29	860.55
Paradise	325.00	347.00	50.16
Parlier	25.00	10.00	.....
Penngrove	28.40	48.28	.....
Pescadero	.....	45.00	.....
Petaluma	336.00	600.00	600.00
Pittsburgh	216.16	162.91	.....
Port Chicago	39.94	25.00	.....
Porterville	600.00	565.80	895.22
Redwood City	212.04	1,070.81	812.00
Reedley	.....	15.00	.....
Rio Vista	106.40	85.00	15.00
Ripon	212.17	173.69	50.00
Sacramento			
Pioneer	1,050.00	1,057.50	1,000.00
Sierra Arden	45.49	113.00	.....
Salida	35.00	52.00	.....
San Carlos	205.40	320.00	125.00
San Francisco			
Bethany Msn. Pk	122.16	115.52	34.05
Calvary	.....	30.00	.....
Chinese	20.00	.....	.....
First	1,166.66	446.89	.....
Ocean View	75.00	75.00	6.38
Park Presidio	84.30	190.91	.....
Sanger	.....	11.04	.....
San Jose	583.52	735.00	272.86
San Leandro	137.56	97.93	100.00
San Mateo	510.73	330.00	437.17
San Rafael	42.55	66.00	.....
Santa Cruz	730.00	560.00	150.00
Santa Rosa	204.46	78.95	62.00
Saratoga	387.56	205.55	.....
Sebastopol	276.11	131.41	64.73
Sonoma	120.85	49.66	74.35
Soquel	.....	121.57	80.84
Stockton	610.63	670.42	346.75
Suisun	101.94	68.48	33.25
Sunnyvale	75.00	34.66	2.21
Tulare	590.33	440.28	333.85
Weaverville	100.00	100.00	.....
Woodside	11.50	11.50	.....
Reno, Nevada	575.86	522.15	51.42
Miscellaneous and Indiv.	1,052.01	2,567.86	1,613.73
	$33,964.77	$34,984.56	$19,792.03

CAZADERO SUMMER

Congregational Cazadero is closing its third summer camp season just as Pacific goes to press. The camps in the early part of the summer were rather poorly attended, but there were encouraging increases as the weeks passed. The two family camps were larger than any family camp previously held. The climax in attendance was State Pilgrim Fellowship camp with a total, including faculty, of about 140. A splendid group of students and young adults were in session the closing week.

C. R. Lawrence has proved to be a very capable camp manager, and Mrs. Myron Alexander continued to more than satisfy everyone as camp cook. She was ably assisted by a number of volunteers. Space does not permit mention of the faculties, save to say that Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holley of England, Mr. Lloyd Lorbeer of India, and Mr. Phillip Ward, formerly an American Board missionary, brought splendid leadership.

A number of improvements have been made. Mr. Charles E. Greenamyer of Santa Cruz, a member of the first family camp, has presented a 1500 watt electrical generating outfit with a washing machine. Two buildings will thus be able to have electricity, and possibly refrigeration may be added another year. Another layman, Mr. L. R. Jackson of First Church, San Francisco, presented the camp with a very large 16 burner gas cooking stove. The consent of the neighboring property owners was received to the re-routing of the road and a large part of the work has been done. This is not the part of the road that needs work the most, but the part where we must depend on the goodwill and cooperation of our neighbors. Finally, the Camp Commission bought a heavy-duty civilian jeep, and did it on faith! An opportunity came to secure a machine that could be used for scraping, bulldozing, digging post holes, and running all sorts of machinery, as well as furnishing quick and cheap transportation. The young people of Pilgrim Fellowship who are active now, and those who have become alumni of Cazadero, are being asked to contribute. Adult members of our churches can send gifts to the Conference office for this purpose and will be gratefully received.

Best of all has been the serious-minded purposes of our young people, their acceptance of responsibilities, and the spiritual uplift and life dedication which have been experienced.

New Term At "Cal"

Preparations for another term of activities are under way in Plymouth House, the Congregational student center serving the University of California. An all-day cabinet planning retreat will be held September 17 when the program for the fall semester will be outlined. Cabinet members for this year include Mildred Antunez, president; Oliver N. Norsworthy, first vicepresident; Joe Hattersley, second vice president; Joyce Snyder, secretary; Jim Scott, treasurer; Bruce McKenzie, membership chairman; Celia Elmore, publicity; Ernest Lidell, social action; Jeanette Desin, fellowship; Alan Appleford, operations.

Good representation from Plymouth House attended the college-age Camp at Cazadero, August 30 to September 6.

During the summer a limited program was carried on for those students attending summer session. As a change from the regular program, an outing was arranged every other week and these included visits to park centers and afternoon concerts, and Peggy Rapp was chairman of the summer committee.

Ministers in the various churches of Northern California can greatly assist the work of Plymouth House by advising Rev. J. Ford Forsyth when members of their congregations become students at the University of California, and by encouraging these students to enter into the activities of Plymouth House.

Memorial Cabins Dedicated

On Sunday, June 15, the very attractive and usable new cabins at Cazadero were dedicated, one as a memorial to Rev. Edwin T. Sherman who was field secretary of the Conference at one time and later pastor at Rio Vista, the other in memory of Mr. Philip Greisinger, active and interested church layman. Members of both families were present. Those participating in the program were Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, Rev. Vere V. Loper, Rev. Miles B. Fisher, Miss Sara Garrison, Rev. Henry C. Warber, and Rev. William W. Meyer. The choir of the Redwood Empire Camp furnished music. Tributes were paid to the memory of both men and all agreed that the memorials are particularly fitting. Cazadero is in need of at least three additional cabins of the same size and pattern. Other persons desiring to create memorials are invited to correspond with Field Secretary Meyer or Superintendent Gill.

GERMAN CHURCH MEET

The General Conference of the Congregational German Churches in the U. S. A. was held in Lodi, with the Ebenezer Church as host, June 25-29. Several hundred delegates came from the Northwest, Midwest, and other parts of the country. Some of the general sessions had as many as 2000 people in attendance. The weather was delightful, and plans for entertainment were well carried through, the Conference being housed in the Adventist Academy. All of our Northern California German ministers participated in the program, and also Rev. Clarence Reidenbach of Oakland, Rev. C. H. Olds, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill, who preached the Sunday morning sermon.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 20-21—Laymen's Retreat at Cazadero.
September 27-28—Laymen's Retreat at Drobish Ranch, Marysville.
October 17-19—Annual meeting of State Conference, First Congregational Church, Berkeley.

NEW STUDENT WORK

Student work at three of our colleges will have new leadership.

At San Jose State, Rev. Malcolm A. Carpenter is to take the place of Rev. Robert L. James. Mr. Carpenter is a graduate of the Yale Divinity School and was chaplain in the Navy.

After years of planning, Fresno State College is to have a full time secretary of the Inter-faith Conference on the campus. Rev. Carroll M. Moon begins in September. He has been with the Student Division of the YMCA. He took his Master of Arts and B. D. degrees from the Southern Methodist University of Dallas. He has also had graduate work at the University of Chicago.

Rev. Terence Stoker of our churches at Cedarville and Eagleville has been called to the staff of the Federated Church of Reno to lead a program among students on the campus, sponsored by the Presbyterian and Congregational denominations. He will begin January first.

AT SYLVAN DALE

Several of our Northern California ministers were privileged to attend the Pastors' School at Sylvan Dale, Colorado, and all reported an exceedingly busy but very stimulating and worthwhile conference lasting a full month. A very able faculty led the thought of the ministers. Rev. Homer A. Schwarz of San Lorenzo served as librarian for the conference. Rev. W. C. Besselievre of Port Chicago carried off honors in the poetry contest. Rev. Ralph V. Conard of Alameda, Rev. J. N. Bridges of Rio Vista, and Rev. J. H. McCartney of Broadmoor were in attendance.

A NEW FIELD

Mr. H. Raymond Woodruff has been doing extension work in Calaveras County under the general guidance of Rev. L. D. Granger. His chief work has been at White Pines, where a Sunday School has been launched and vacation church school held. A great deal of time has been given to parish work and to the enlistment of interested people in some kind of organization to carry on.

Rev. Corwin H. Olds, who has been assistant to President Bridges of Pacific School of Religion, is now the minister of parish work at Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. Rev. James H. Woodruff, beginning with the first of September, becomes associate minister. He will have primary responsibility for the program of education. During the vacation of Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, the pastor, the pulpit has been supplied by Rev. M. Jay Minkler, moderator of the church, Rev. Raymond B. Walker of Portland, Oregon, and Rev. Torrance Phelps of Sacramento. Rev. Daniel A. Poling of Philadelphia preached on Christian Endeavor Convention Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. George Aki welcomed a new little baby boy, Galen Keith Aki, on August 1. Galen has an other sister, Joanne. His daddy is the pastor of the Japanese Congregational Church in Fresno.

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MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

SOQUEL. Twenty-nine boys and girls and their leaders attended the church camp this summer under the direction of the minister, Rev. T. Davis Preston. This camp, used through the year, is located five miles from Soquel in the Santa Cruz mountains. Much work has been done on the camp this summer and it is becoming an increasingly valuable asset to the church. During the summer the church hall has been enlarged and a new kitchen built. The public address system has been completed and chime music is played every Sunday over the four speakers in the tower. As a historic landmark the church was featured in the Santa Cruz press in an August issue. The article was accompanied by a three column cut of a painting of the church recently made by a well known artist. Summer congregations have been above the average, with an increasing number of summer visitors.

ALAMEDA. The chimes in memory of Anne Dickie Meracle were dedicated in a special Sunday evening service on September 14. These are very beautiful Deagan chimes installed with the organ, to be played on the manual of the organ. New Pilgrim Hymnals for the church were purchased by a memorial fund, to which many people have contributed in memory of loved ones and friends, and were dedicated on Memorial Sunday, May 25. Rev. Ralph V. Conrad, the pastor, attended the special conference held under the auspices of the C.W.V.R. in Chicago early in September.

SONOMA. The church is boasting of a new exterior coat of paint, and there have been other repairs and redecorations. All branches of the church have been kept open during the summer. During the vacation of Rev. Joseph O. Todd, pastor, the pulpit was supplied by Mr. Lloyd L. Lorbeer, Rev. Fred Holley, Rev. Stewart Potter, and Rev. Donald Dean, the last two having grown up in Sonoma.

PENNGROVE. Rev. Laude W. Hays, with his wife and two children, began service with this church on the first of July. The parsonage had been repaired, painted, and more adequately furnished. Mr. Hays had recently served the Methodist Church at Ione. He will study during the year at Pacific School of Religion, continuing to serve the church.

SAN JOSE. A successful year closed with graduation of various classes on Youth Sunday, June 15. Church School classes have continued through the summer. Five teachers attended the Teachers' Institute at Oakland. Rev. Stephen C. Peabody is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, PARK PRESIDIO. Rev. Robert W. Moon attended the Pastors' Summer School at the College of the Pacific. He has announced a school of churchmanship, a series of group discussions for church leaders, to be held in several homes.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. The financial situation of this church steadily improves. The addition to the building is nearly paid for. Mr. Leland Mahood attended the Religious Radio Workshop as a delegate of the Oakland Council of Churches.

SANGER. Sunday, August 31, was a redletter day, with the celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the church and the twenty-fifth anniversary of the ordination of the pastor, Rev. Edward Hildebrand. There were public services in the forenoon, afternoon, and evening. Superintendent Harley H. Gill preached the anniversary sermon and spoke briefly at the other two services. Rev. Edward Grauman, field secretary for the German work in the United States, spoke at all three services. There were visiting ministers of our German churches and of English speaking churches in Sanger. Splendid progress has been made in the church with the property greatly improved and in increased interest and strength.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON. Upon the opening of bids it was found that there was reasonable expectation of being able to carry through the financing of the new building and the contract was let. The groundbreaking service was very largely attended and the frame work of the new structure is rising. It will be necessary for the church to have a financial campaign in September. It is hoped that by early winter the building may be occupied. Rev. Herbert Dimock is the pastor.

PETALUMA. During the summer this church has lost very seriously in the death of Miss Nellie Denman and Mr. George P. McNear, both of whom were staunch and faithful supporters. Mrs. Herbert Gans, the minister's wife, has had a serious surgical operation, but seems on the road to splendid recovery. Mr. Gans has given valuable counsel and help at Penngrove.

FRESNO, JAPANESE. The young adult group cleared about $140 at a carnival using a considerable part of the proceeds to assist young people to go to camps and conferences. Rev. George Aki was chairman for the West side of Fresno in setting up Vacation Church Schools. Mrs. Aki is recording secretary of the Fresno Council of Church Women. The weekly bulletin was continued through the summer.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. This church served as host to the Laboratory Training School, under the Northern California Council of Churches but with Miss Alice Sanderson of Plymouth Church as director. Forty-six adults were registered and were able to observe and practice teaching with the children of the vacation church school, which met at the same time.

BENICIA. Gambling is still closed up in this town. Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe, the pastor, has been taking the lead in an effort to see to it that the community swimming pool is open to Negroes.

FRESNO, PILGRIM. The exterior of the church has been repaired and painted, and a new roof and gutters installed. Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian, the pastor, was on the faculty at one of the family camps at Cazadero.

FRESNO, FIRST. Rev. John H. Gregg preached three times on one Sunday in the Yosemite, with a total attendance of 1800 persons.

SAN LORENZO. The church is really going to get the McMann chapel from Camp Shoemaker. It was awarded by the Navy in May, but it has required all summer to secure the necessary real estate in addition to the lot already owned, to get title matters cleared, to arrange the finances, and to secure bids. Construction will have begun before The Pacific reaches its readers. It is possible that the building will be available for use by Christmas. It will be a victory over almost impossible obstacles. Rev. Homer A. Schwarz, the pastor, was at Sylvan Dale, but aside from those weeks he has been on the job early and late, day and night.

LODI, FIRST. The church furnished 5 teachers for a community Vacation Bible School which enrolled over 400. A very attractive and detailed history of the church which was not ready at the time of the 75th Anniversary is out and on sale. The basement of the parsonage has been completely cemented. The Women's Association has voted to adopt two Dutch families, providing clothing for the year. Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Boone attended Camp Farthest Out at Asilomar.

BERKELEY, SOUTH COMMUNITY. Summer attendance has been excellent, running above 200. Rev. Buell G. Gallagher has been absent for a number of weeks and Rev. John Charles Mickle, Jr., co-pastor, has preached regularly and has been becoming acquainted with his parish. Miss Vivian Ako, formerly of Hawaii, is to be the recreational leader in the community center.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. Both the exterior and the interior of the building have been painted by the members acting as volunteers. The Berkeley Gazette published a photograph of the workers and a splendid article about it written by Dr. Yam Tong Hoh, the pastor. The church building fund continues to mount.

CLOVERDALE. After being without a regular pastor for a full year, the church called Mr. George W. Lindsey, who will be a senior at Pacific School of Religion this coming year. Mr. Lindsey has been assistant at the Piedmont Community Church. His family are occupying the Cloverdale parsonage. The work has started very encouragingly.

GUERNEVILLE. Mr. C. F. Gustafson and his family are nicely installed in a very attractive parsonage. The minister is to have an office in the church. He spent one week at Cazadero, and is the advisor for the Redwood Empire Pilgrim Fellowship group.

OAKLAND, FIRST. During the vacation of Rev. Clarence Reidenbach the pulpit was supplied by Prof. Lynn T. White of San Anselmo. A vacation school was successfully carried on with good attendance under the guidance of Miss Mae E. Baudin.

PORTERVILLE. The morning worship has been at 9:00 during the summer. In cooperation with four other churches, a vacation school was held in July. Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith, the pastor, spent his vacation in the Bay area.

SAN MATEO. Mrs. Eva B. Maxwell of Denver, Colorado, has been secured as director of Christian Education. She is a graduate of Teachers College of Columbia University, attended Pacific School of Religion for two years, and Union Theological Seminary for one year, and holds the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. She will be in charge of the Church School and will contact new church families. Not a few Congregational people will remember her late husband, "Larry." Rev. Benton Gaskell is pastor.

SANTA ROSA. Albert Yee, who had been in the Santa Rosa church from the time he was a Primary pupil, was given a tribute at a special service and a church picinc on the eve of his sailing for China, where he will enter Lingnan University as a medical student. Words of appreciation were spoken by members of the church, and he was presented with a pair of binoculars. On the same occasion, Rev. George R. Tolson was honored and a gift presented to him, when he was about to leave for the east on his vacation.

FERNDALE. A "children's village" transformed the backyard of the Ferndale church into a spacious playground. The plan was an interesting variation of the church vacation school. A mortarless cement block building representing an inn of Biblical days was constructed. Several very active members of the church have moved away due to changes in employment or vocation. Sixty Testaments have been sent to Robert Whitaker in China, former pastor. Rev. C. H. Hudson is the pastor.

MARTINEZ. During the early summer, Rev. Donald F. Gaylord was stricken with illness, so his vacation was spent in rest and recovery. The doctor is permitting him to start work in Sept., beginning with the Sunday service on August 31. During four Sundays, the pulpit was occupied by Rev. Clayton H. Gill of Tulare. Forty-six members have been received since January 1.

FAIRFAX. The sanctuary is to be painted a much lighter tone. The old Masonic benches have been torn out. A church service and picnic brought a large attendance and resulted in contacts with three new families. Mr. and Mrs. Frank K. McDowell who are serving this church gave valuable help at one of our summer camps.

SANTA CRUZ. On the evening of August 17, Lt. James C. Whittaker spoke to a crowded church about the twenty-one days adrift with Eddie Rickenbacker. During the absence of Rev. H. S. Mahood on vacation, the members of the Youth Fellowship conducted the entire Sunday morning service.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Vacation Church Schools were held both in Angels Camp and Murphys with splendid attendance. Rev. Lawrence D. Granger, the pastor, conducted the Communion Service at the Fricot Boys' Home when 32 boys who had been baptized, communed.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

MRS. CLIFFORD H. POE, Editor

NEW YEAR OF WORK BEGINS

Greetings to the Congregational Women of Northern California:

Vacation is over and I hope you have all had a restful, happy summer. I wish you might all have had the inspirational experience of being present at the M. E. M. Conference at Asilomar. All who were there are sure it was the very best conference they have ever attended. The final conclusion was: that there is MUCH work to be done and NOW is the time to do it. Our delegates have given their reports at the August meeting and a few of them will be brought to you briefly in these columns.

FALL RALLIES are coming in September as follows:

Santa Clara Association, Wednesday, September 17, San Carlos.

Bay Association, Thursday, September 18, Berkeley, North.

Upper Bay Association, Friday, September 19, Port Chicago.

Redwood Empire, Tuesday, September 23, Guerneville.

Sacramento Valley, Wednesday, September 24, Auburn.

Central Association, Thursday, September 25, Murphys.

San Joaquin, Friday, September 26. Tulare.

Miss Helen Kenyon, member of the Missions Council Board and on the national Committee for Postwar Emergency Program, is coming out from New York to be our guest speaker. You will enjoy her thoroughly.

Next in our thoughts will be the annual meeting of the Conference in Berkeley, October 17, 18, 19. We will have our Women's Hour or two there.

In between times, let us get behind the full program of our local churches with renewed energy and consecration.

Cordially yours, ANN KIENTZ, President

REPORT ON ASILOMAR

Mrs. Harley H. Gill, Home Field Secretary

The thirty-fourth annual conference conducted by the Southwest Board of the Missionary Education Movement was held at Asilomar, August 1-6. Congregationalists were well represented with a registration of 47 out of a total of 356. In leadership we also made significant contributions. The president of the Board is Professor Hugh Vernon White of Pacific School of Religioin. Rev. James H. Price was the conference director and Mrs. Price the assistant registrar. Rev. Pierson Parker, in whom we still have great interest and pride, was the chaplain conducting early morning worship services. Rev. William McCormack of Springfield, Mass. gave invaluable help in many ways.

Each day was begun with worship in the beloved chapel. The conference was particularly fortunate to have a daily presentation by Dr. Willis Lamott, the author of this year's study book, "Committed Unto Us." Dr. Lamott is well fitted to speak and write on Evangelism whether it be on the foreign or home field. He was a missionary in Japan for several years and at present is director of the Department of Missionary Education in the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church.

Following Dr. Lamott's lectures a dozen or more study groups carried on the discussion, each furnishing members of a conference "Finding Committee." The forenoon was completed by a series of classes on methods. Afternoons were free except for informal denominational gatherings. Inspirational addresses were given in the evenings by Dr. Karl Quimby, Methodist; Rev. A. Ronald Merrix Episcopalian; Dr. Horace Ryburn, Presbyterian; and Col. D. von Goetham, head chaplain of the Belgian army in the Congo; and others.

The theme for missionary study for the coming year is Evangelism. Dr. Lamott takes his definition from the findings of the great Madras conference held in India in 1838. "By evangelism . . . we understand that the church universal, in all its branches and through the service of all its members, must so present Christ Jesus to the world in the power of the Holy Spirit that men shall come to put their trust in God through him, accept him as their Saviour and serve him as their Lord in the fellowship of his church."

Dr. Lamott, in his lectures and his book, sketched the progress of the church around the world as it has spread into almost every nation. In our own country more than 50% of the entire population are now members of Christian churches, a larger proportion than ever before. There is, however, reason to question whether we are as vital and earnest in our Christian work as we ought to be. The prayer of one great leader should be ours, "Oh God, revive thy church beginning with me." We can and should give to missionary work, we ought to encourage great evangelistic efforts, but the growth of the church or its failure to grow, depends upon individual members and their witness right in their own homes, their neighborhoods, their churches, and where they make their living.

A few of the methods of evangelism being used by the church were stressed. The radio, for example, reaching across land and sea and into the privacy of homes and the automobile of the traveler. It finds the vacationer, the woodsman, the miner, the farmer, the housewife, little children, youth, and old age. A chapel on wheels is used to go where the population is too sparse to maintain churches or Sunday schools. Young people's summer conferences have been the most promising movement of our day. Literally hundreds of thousands of America's youth have been in attendance each summer, carrying away a deeper understanding and experience of the Christian Way than they have been able to get in the usual routine of church life. Space forbids even mentioning other methods.

We in California have a great job ahead of us. In the proportion of church members to the population, we are one of the lowest states with only 28%. Sometimes the task seems too great, but a good educator once said, "Every time you flip a pebble into a stream you change its movement." The same applies to every nickel or dime or dollar given to missions. And, one might add, every good deed, every kindly invitation, every prayer offered, helps to change the world into the kingdom of God.

EVANGELISM AND THE FOREIGN FIELD

By Mrs. Chester Marliave
Foreign Field Secretary

Read II Corinthians, Chapter 5: 17-20. We are ambassadors of God and unto us is committed the task of evangelizing the world. We who are missionary minded are in the minority, yet we are individually responsible for the saving of the world!

The missionary motive in the heart of a man is in proportion to the impact Christ has made upon him. The depth of Christian experience is the measure of one's motive to missions. Missions were not handed down to the people from top executives, but grew up from women's "butter and egg money." These women wished to share the good news with people of other lands. Future historians will see in the modern missionary movement, one of the outstanding achievements of the human spirit of all times. Never have Christians come so near to their goal. Today there is a worshipping group in nearly every land under the heavens. However, only a beginning has been made in the task of world evangelism.

In every land there are areas in which Christianity has not yet penetrated, including our own. In the years that lie ahead the world church is faced with certain imperatives to evangelism.

1. The work of restoration and reconstruction must be carried on with evangelical zeal. The devastated lands of Asia, the Pacific Isles, and Europe, which has again become a missionary field, must be restored. We are NOT an imperialistic nation, but Europe fears us because she does not understand why we are doing so much for them in material ways if we have no aggressive motive. So we must serve Europe spiritually.
2. The movement for world literacy and Christian literature must occupy a high place in our missionary program.
3. Religious liberty must be set forth as the right and privilege of all people.
4. The crusade for world organization must go hand in hand with Christian expansion.
5. Racial equality must be realized more thoroughly in all Christian nations.
6. North American Christians must accustom themselves to new relationships with younger churches. There is no evading the issue; plainly the job of evangelizing the world is yours and mine individually.

I wish every woman in our Conference could have been at M. E. M. to receive the inspiration which all of those privileged to attend received. The next best is to organize classes to study the text book. Let us move forward together in finishing the task.

COMMISSIONED

Mr. William Satterthwaite and his wife, Dr. Adeline P. Satterthwaite, were commissioned as missionaries of the American Board on Sunday, August 17, at Palo Alto. Mr. Satterthwaite has been training as a mechanical engineer, and he expects to set up a training school for the making of artificial limbs.

Rev. G. A. Casaday, pastor of the Palo Alto church, preached the commissioning sermon; Mr. Daniel Stone of the church gave godspeed; Mrs. Harrison Williams of San Carlos brought greetings from the Federation of Congregational Women; Professor S. W. Chan of the Stanford faculty brought the welcome to the mission field; and Superintendent Harley H. Gill, vice-president of the Board, presented the commissions and offered the prayer of consecration.

Mr. and Mrs. Satterthwaite will soon go to China and expect to be located in or near a suburb of Peiping.

Going To India

Under the tall firs of Cazadero and by the flickering light of the campfire, Miss Carolyn Weeber was commissioned as a missionary of the American Board on Wednesday, July 30. The commissioning service was participated in by young people of the Junior High Camp. As part of the ceremony, the right hand of fellowship was extended to Miss Weeber by Rev. William F. Keeney, home missionary in California, by Miss Helen Lundin, a nurse here at home, by Miss Jeanette Desin, representing the young people of Pilgrim Fellowship, and by Mr. Kwai Sing Chang, as a representative of the World Church. Other parts in the service were taken by Rev. George R. Tolson of Santa Rosa, the director of the Junior High Camp, Rev. Fred Holley of Great Britain, Mr. Carl Theodore Gustafson of Guerneville, and Rev. William W. Meyer of the Conference staff, who presented the Commission.

Miss Weeber, who comes from Pennsylvania, took her training as a nurse in Ohio. She served during the war as an American Red Cross Camp Commission nurse. More recently she has been an instructor at the St. Luke's Hospital school in Cleveland, Ohio. She is now on her way to India as a nurse on the staff of the Woman's Hospital in Madura, South India.

B. C. WONG

Dr. B. C. Wong passed away on August 19. For many years he served as pastor of the Berkeley, Chinese Congregational Church. When he gave up the pastorate he continued as a most interested and dependable layman. He was a graduate of the University of California and held a Doctor of Philosophy degree from his alma mater. He became instructor of mathematics, then assistant professor, and at the time he was stricken with paralysis was associate professor. For the past five years he has been practically helpless, being unable even to walk or talk. He leaves his widow and two daughters, both of whom are married. Funeral services were conducted by Superintendent Harley H. Gill and Rev. Lee Hong of the Oakland, Presbyterian Chinese Church. Dr. Hoh Yam-tong, pastor of the church, and Rev. B. Y. Leong of San Francisco assisted. Dr. Wong was 55 years of age. He was greatly beloved by the entire Berkeley Chinese community.

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Association Directory

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GERMAN CONFERENCE: Moderator, Rev. Benjamin H. Kissler, Fresno; Registrar, Rev. Jonathan Weber, Biola.

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SACRAMENTO VALLEY: Moderator, Mr. E. Otis Vaughn, Oroville; Vice-Moderator, Rev. Terence Stoker, Cedarville; Registrar, Rev. Maurice L. deVries, Oroville; place of next meeting, Loomis.

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SANTA CLARA: Moderator, Rev. Gordon L. King, Saratoga; Vice-Moderator, Rev. Robert L. Carlson, Campbell; Registrar, Rev. Willard B. Thorp, Palo Alto; place of next meeting, Sunnyvale.

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